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NSF PROJECT QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY

(QEE)

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, DISCUSSION QEE CONTINUES IN WASHINGTON AT NOVEMBER 19-21 JOINT BOARD MEETING. IN EVENT WASHINGTON DISCUSSION DOES NOT PRODUCE SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON QEE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITY DIVIDING PROJECT INTO TWO PARTS, AS DESCRIBED IN MEMORANDUM OF DECEMBER 7, 1973, FROM BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION (BPA) TO DR. ZALAR (NSF).

2. IN LINE WITH BPS'S SUGGESTION, KRANJC WOULD CONTINUE AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI) ON QEE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF JOINT BOARD, WITH SAME GOALS BUT WITH SMALLER BUDGET. EMBASSY ENVISAGES THAT YUGOSLAV SIDE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO QEE IN ANY EVENT, COULD BE INVITED TO PUT SUCH AMENDMENTS INTO PROPOSAL FOR NEW PROJECT BUDGETED WITH REMAINING QEE DINARS WITH DIFFERENT PI, AND WITH GOALS COMPLEMENTARY TO QEE. ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THIS

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ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE FOR QEE FINANCES AND ADMINISTRATION

TO BE MANAGED IN MANNER INSURING AUTONOMY OF PI. ALSO
PERHAPS PREFERABLE THAT GRANTEE BE CHANGED TO ANOTHER
ENTITY WITHIN UNIV LJUBLJANA, E.G. RECTOR.

3. FOREGOING SOLUTION, RECOMMENDED ONLY AS LAST RESORT,
HAS MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF ELIMINATING SOURCE OF FRICTION
WITHIN OTHERWISE RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY OPERATING COOPERATIVE
SCIENCE PROGRAM. AT SAME TIME, WORTHWHILE SCIENTIFIC
OBJECTIVE COULD STILL BE ANTICIPATED.
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